

The Investigative Committee of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, November 3, 2016 via conference call at the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

## **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2016**

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Nancy Barton, RN, MSN  
Dellarie Shilling, RN, DNP, FNP-BC  
Julia Worthy, RN, MSN

### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Tina Fletcher, LPN

### **STAFF PRESENT**

Jim Cleghorn, Executive Director  
Janet Freeman, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline  
Edye Tillman-Johnson, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline  
Tara Miller, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline  
Betsy Cohen, JD, Assistant Attorney General

Barton called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 3, 2016.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Shilling moved, Worthy seconded and the Committee voted to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-2(k); 43-1-19(h), 43-26-5(c) and 43-26-11, to deliberate on applications and enforcement matters and to receive information on applications, investigative reports and pending cases. The motion passed unanimously.

At the conclusion of the Executive Session on Thursday, November 3, 2016 Barton declared the meeting to be “open” pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act, O.C.G.A. §§ 50-14-1 et seq. No votes were taken during executive session.

### **INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE CASES**

(LPNI = Licensed Practical Nurse Investigative Case Number) (RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

Shilling moved to present the following recommendations to the Board.

**LPNI130181** – Close the case.

**RNI151120** – Deny the request to lift suspension. May petition to lift with documentation of twelve months of continuous sobriety.

**LPNI140078** – Send a mitigating letter requesting courses in Narcotic Drugs: Handling and Documentation and Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses. Barton abstained from the discussion.

**RNI150748** – Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a Hearing or a Public Consent Order to include two (2) years probation, one (1) year narcotic restriction, quarterly reports (personal, employer, psychotherapy, medication management), Substance Abuse Stipulations, random quarterly urinary drug screens with Affinity eHealth, must enroll in an Intensive Outpatient Program three (3) days per week with three (3) hours per day within thirty (30) days of docketed date of order, and a course in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing.

**LPNI150490** – Refer to Legal Services to hand serve an expedited outpatient mental physical examination violation notice. If licensee does not comply, refer to the Attorney General’s Office for an indefinite suspension or voluntary surrender.

**RNI170173** – Close the case.

**LPNI170082** – Refer to Investigations.

**LPNI160405** – Refer to the November 16-18, 2016 full Board meeting.

**LPNI170115** – Refer to Legal Services for an outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

**RNI110654/RNI160180** – Table. Applicant must provide additional documentation from mental physical examination provider.

**RNI170273** – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Amended Public Consent Order to include the same terms, may not prescribe scheduled drugs while on order. Authorization may not be issued until signed Amended Public Order.

**RNI160851** – Close the case.

**RNI170072** – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or a Private Consent Order to include a fine of \$500 for Unprofessional Conduct, a course in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing, and a fine of \$500 for Continuing Education violation and language.

**LPNI150426** – Close the case with a Letter of Concern (Alcohol).

**RNI150934** – Close the case.

**RNI150382** – Refer for an Investigative Interview.

**RNI160313** – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or a Public Consent Order to include two (2) years probation, quarterly reports (personal, employer), a fine of \$500 for Unprofessional Conduct and a courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses and Ethics of Nursing Practice.

**LPNI170127** – Refer to Legal Services for an outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

**LPNI170118** – Licensure by endorsement with a Letter of Concern (Criminal).

**RNI170261** – License by Examination with a Letter of Concern (Criminal). Must notify of successful completion of criminal probation within 10 days of completion.

**RNI170084** – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or a Private Consent Order to include five (5) years monitoring, quarterly reports (self, employer, aftercare), Substance Abuse Stipulations and a course in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing.

**RNI170073** – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Private Consent Order to include a fine of \$500 for Unprofessional Conduct and courses in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing; Narcotic Drugs: Handling and Documentation; Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses and Documentation: A Critical Aspect of Client Care.

**RNI170170** – Refer for an Investigative Interview.

**RNI160170** – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Public Consent Order to include five (5) years monitoring, two (2) years narcotic restrictions, quarterly reports (personal, employer, aftercare, psychotherapy, medication management), monthly random urine drug screens for six months, quarterly thereafter, hair follicle testing for duration of order, Substance Abuse Stipulations, Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing, Naltrexone statement and a fine of \$500 for Unprofessional Conduct. Worthy abstained.

**RNI160569** – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or a Public Consent Order to include three (3) years probation, two (2) years narcotic restrictions, quarterly reports (self, employer, psychotherapy), Substance Abuse Stipulations, random quarterly urine drug screens through Affinity eHealth, a fine of \$500 for Failure to Disclose, a fine of \$500 for Unprofessional Conduct and a course in Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing.

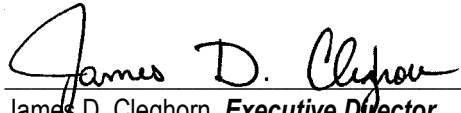
**RNI140545** – Deny the request to lift narcotic restrictions.

**RNI150193** – Close with a Letter of Concern (Criminal).

**RNI130643** – Refer for an Investigative Interview.

Worthy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned Thursday, November 3, 2016 at 5:38 p.m.

  
James D. Cleghorn, ***Executive Director***